

6,800 BC

Cattle domesticated (southeastern
Anatolia)

6,800 BC → 5500 BC

AZILIAN Culture
Fishing communities
of western coasts. Partly
degenerate Magdalenian

6,800 BC

Catal Hüyük, in what is
now Turkey becomes largest
Neolithic city

C 6800 BC

The original settlers of Jericho were displaced by another Neolithic people. This group had not yet discovered pottery

6,800 BC to 6,000 BC
8,800 to 8,000 yrs ago

If walled Jericho (population 2000) had been the earliest market town, the first settlement to qualify as a city, by virtue of its bustle and crime rate, was Çatal Hüyük (population 500) which flourished in Anatolia 8,800 to 8,000 yrs ago. Its inhabitants ate beef traded intensively in abundance, and were weaving cloth by 8,500 yrs ago (6,500 BC). They decorated their

their shrines with startling multicolored paintings, sculptures, and plaster reliefs. The buildings of the precocious city shikhs were huddled together in a continuous mass.

Entry was through the roof, and various platforms served for sleeping and working. Skeletons of the dead were buried cozily under the sleeping platforms, after birds had picked them clean.